

**In the Claims:**

Please replace the prior claim set with the following replacement claim set:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning a hard surface, said method comprising:  
[applying] spraying a non-corrosive, low-fuming composition [to] onto the surface, said composition comprising:
- (a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;
  - (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20 wt-% of an alkalinity source effective to provide a pH of from about 10 to about 14 to said composition;
  - (c) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of at least one thickening agent to promote adhesion of said thickened, non-corrosive composition to the surface upon application;
  - (d) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of fatty acid stabilizer to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkalinity source;
  - (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant effective to provide detergency to the thickened, non-corrosive low-fuming composition said anionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl sulfonate, a disulphonate compound, an alkyl ether sulfate, an alkyl ether sulfonate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, and mixtures thereof;
  - (f) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator; and
  - (g) a balance of water;
- wherein the composition is [sprayable and] substantially free of chlorine.

2. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said surface is substantially vertical, and wherein said composition contains at least 0.1 wt-% of at least one thickening agent.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein upon application of said non-corrosive composition to the substantially vertical surface at least about 75 wt-% of the applied non-

corrosive low-fuming composition adheres to the surface for a time period up to about 30 minutes.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said thickening agent comprises one or more polycarboxylate polymers.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one detergent builder is sodium tripolyphosphate.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said alkalinity source is an alkali metal hydroxide and is present in an amount of from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3 wt-%.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition includes at least 0.1 wt-% of a metal ion chelator.

10. (Previously Amended) A sprayable thickened hard surface cleaning composition comprising:

(a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent effective to provide increased viscosity;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

(d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant to provide detergency to the composition;

(e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of a fatty acid stabilizer effective to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkali metal hydroxide;


(f) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator; and

(g) a balance of water;

wherein said composition is substantially free of chlorine.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition has a viscosity ranging from about 30 to about [300] 70 Cps. at 25°C.

 13. (Original) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition has a pH of about 12 to 13.5.

14. (Original) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.1 wt-% to 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide and the pH of said composition is greater than about 11.

15. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises:

(a) from about 1.0 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of an alkali metal tripolyphosphate;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of sodium hydroxide.

16. (Original) The composition of claim 15, wherein said alkali metal tripolyphosphate comprises sodium tripolyphosphate.

17.-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning a hard surface, said method comprising:

applying a sprayable non-corrosive, low-fuming composition to the surface, said composition consisting essentially of:

(a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20 wt-% of an alkalinity source effective to provide a pH of from about 10 to about 14 to said composition;

(c) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of at least one thickening agent to promote adhesion of said thickened, non-corrosive composition to the surface upon application;

(d) [from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of fatty acid stabilizer to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkalinity source;

(e)] from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant effective to provide detergency to the thickened, non-corrosive low-fuming composition said anionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl sulfonate, a disulphonate compound, an alkyl ether sulfate, an alkyl ether sulfonate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, and mixtures thereof;

([f] e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;

(f) an optional dye; and

(g) [a balance of] water.

24. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates.


25. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.5 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [25] 1, wherein the anionic surfactant comprises an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof.

27. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one thickening agent comprises one or more expandable clays.

28. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates.

29. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.5 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant.

 30. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 10, wherein the anionic surfactant comprises an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof.

31. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 10, wherein said at least one thickening agent comprises one or more expandable clays.

32. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 10, wherein said at least one thickening agent comprises a xantham gum.

33. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

(a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent effective to provide increased viscosity;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

(d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant to provide detergency to the composition;

(e) [from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of a fatty acid stabilizer effective to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkali metal hydroxide;

(f)] from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;

(f) an optional dye; and

(g) [a balance of] water.

34. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 33, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

(a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising one or more polycarboxylate polymers;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

(d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;

(e) [from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of a fatty acid stabilizer effective to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkali metal hydroxide;

(f)] from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;

(f) a dye; and

(g) [a balance of] water.

35.-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Previously Added) The method of claim 23, wherein said composition contains from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from sodium tripolyphosphate, potassium tripolyphosphate, or mixtures thereof; and from about 0.2 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising (i) one or more polycarboxylate polymers, (ii) one or more expandable clays, (iii) or a mixture thereof.

40.-42. (Cancelled)

43. (Previously Added) The method of claim 23, wherein the step of applying comprises spraying the composition.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the sprayable composition has a viscosity ranging from about 30 to about [100] 70 Cps at 25°C.

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45. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one thickening agent comprises a xantham gum.

46. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises from greater than 0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator, said metal ion chelator consisting of sodium gluconate.

47. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

(a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent effective to provide increased viscosity;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

(d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant to provide detergency to the composition;

(e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;

(f) an optional dye; and

(g) water.

48. (New) The composition of claim 47, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

(a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising one or more polycarboxylate polymers;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

(d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;

(e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;

(f) an optional dye; and

(g) water.

49. (New) The composition of claim 47, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

(a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising a mixture of (i) one or more polycarboxylate polymers, and (ii) a xantham gum;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

(d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;



- (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
- (f) an optional dye; and
- (g) water.

50. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

- (a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising one or more polycarboxylate polymers;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;
- (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
- (f) an optional dye; and
- (g) water.

51. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

- (a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising a mixture of (i) one or more polycarboxylate polymers, and (ii) a xantham gum;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;
- (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
- (f) an optional dye; and
- (g) water.

52. (New) A thickened hard surface cleaning composition consisting essentially of:

(a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent effective to provide increased viscosity;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

(d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant to provide detergency to the composition;

(e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;

(f) an optional dye; and

(g) water.

53. (New) The composition of claim 52, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

(a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising one or more polycarboxylate polymers;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

(d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;

(e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;

(f) an optional dye; and

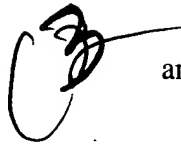
(g) water.

54. (New) The composition of claim 52, wherein said composition consists essentially of:

(a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;

(b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising a mixture of (i) one or more polycarboxylate polymers, and (ii) a xantham gum;

(c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

 (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;

(e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;

(f) an optional dye; and

(g) water.

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